

## EDUCATIONAL EXAMINERS BOARD[282]

### Adopted and Filed

Pursuant to the authority of Iowa Code sections 272C.4(11), 272C.4(12) and 272.2(1)“a,” the Board of Educational Examiners hereby amends Chapter 13, “Issuance of Teacher Licenses and Endorsements,” Iowa Administrative Code.

In 2013, the Board of Educational Examiners created a military exchange license to streamline the process of obtaining Iowa licensure for military personnel. This amendment aligns the existing military exchange license rule with the requirements of the Home Base Iowa Act, passed by the Iowa Legislature during the 2014 legislative session. Specifically, the Home Base Iowa Act’s definitions of “military service” and “veteran” are incorporated into the rule, and a provision is added to allow an applicant to apply for credit for verified military education, training, or service applicable to any experience or educational requirement for licensure.

Notice of Intended Action was published in the Iowa Administrative Bulletin as **ARC 1723C** on November 12, 2014. A public hearing was held on December 3, 2014, with written comment accepted until December 5, 2014. No one attended the hearing, and no written comments were received.

These amendments are identical to those published under Notice of Intended Action.

There is an agencywide waiver provision available in 282—Chapter 6.

The Board of Educational Examiners adopted these amendments on January 15, 2015.

After analysis and review of this rule making, it is anticipated that the amendments will have a positive impact on jobs by facilitating the licensure of veterans for employment in Iowa schools.

These amendments are intended to implement Iowa Code sections 272C.4(11) and 272C.4(12).

These amendments will become effective March 25, 2015.

The following amendments are adopted.

ITEM 1. Amend subrule 13.17(4) as follows:

**13.17(4) Military exchange license.**

*a. Definitions.*

“Military service” means honorably serving on federal active duty, state active duty, or national guard duty, as defined in Iowa Code section 29A.1; in the military services of other states, as provided in 10 U.S.C. Section 101(c); or in the organized reserves of the United States, as provided in 10 U.S.C. Section 10101.

“Veteran” means an individual who meets the definition of “veteran” in Iowa Code section 35.1(2).

~~a. b.~~ Spouses of active duty military service members applying under 13.3(2). A three-year nonrenewable military exchange license may be issued to the applicant under the following conditions:

(1) The applicant has completed a traditional teacher preparation program at a regionally accredited and state-approved two- or four-year college.

(2) The applicant is the holder of a valid and current or an expired teaching license from another state.

(3) The applicant provides verification of the applicant’s connection to or the applicant’s spouse’s connection to the military by providing a copy of current military orders with either a marriage license or a copy of a military ID card for the applicant’s spouse.

(4) This license may be converted to a one-year regional exchange license upon application and payment of fees.

~~b. c.~~ Recent veterans (retired or discharged within the past five years as of the date of application) Veterans or their spouses applying under 13.3(2). A five-year teaching license or a one-year exchange license may be issued to an applicant who meets the requirements of 13.17(4)“~~a~~ b”(1) and (2). A veteran must provide a copy of the veteran’s DD 214. A spouse must provide a copy of the veteran spouse’s DD 214 and the couple’s marriage license.

~~c. d.~~ Spouses of active duty military, ~~recent~~ service veterans, or ~~recent~~ veterans’ spouses applying under 13.3(3). If the applicant has completed a nontraditional teacher preparation program but is not

eligible for a teaching license, the applicant will be issued a substitute license, and the initial review for the portfolio review process will be completed by board staff. An applicant must provide verification of connection to the military outlined in 13.17(4)“~~a~~ b”(3) or 13.17(4)“~~b~~ c.”

e. Military education, training, and service credit. An applicant for the military exchange license may apply for credit for verified military education, training, or service toward any experience or educational requirement for licensure by submitting documentation to the board of educational examiners. The applicant shall identify the experience or educational requirement to which the credit would be applied if granted. The board of educational examiners shall promptly determine whether the verified military education, training, or service will satisfy all or any part of the identified experience or educational requirement for licensure.

~~d. f.~~ Fees. Fees for the background check, evaluation and license issued pursuant to 13.17(4) will be limited to the fee outlined in rule 282—12.1(272), paragraph “2.”

ITEM 2. Amend **282—Chapter 13**, implementation sentence, as follows:

These rules are intended to implement Iowa Code chapter 272 and 2014 Iowa Acts, chapter 1116, division VI.

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